

**JUDGE BARLEY
QUALIFIED TODAY**

Takes Oath of Office This
Morning For Term of
Eight Years.

ELECTED LAST YEAR.

Has Served as Presiding Officer of
Corporation Court For More Than
10 Years, Succeeding Judge Norton.

Before Nevell S. Greenaway, clerk of courts of Alexandria city, Judge Louis C. Barley qualified this morning at ten o'clock as judge of the corporation court for a term of eight years commencing on February 1st. Judge Barley was re-elected to the position by the state legislature a year ago but it was not until today that he formally qualified.

In taking the oath of office the ancient form was used which provides that the judge has not fought a duel or sent or accepted a challenge since the passage of the present constitution of Virginia. He furthermore was compelled to swear that he would not fight a duel or take any part in one.

The oath was as follows:
I, Louis C. Barley, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Virginia, ordained by the Convention which assembled in the City of Richmond on the 12th day of June, 1901, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as Judge of the Corporation Court according to the best of my ability. So help me God.

I swear that I have not, while a citizen of this State, since the tenth day of July, nineteen hundred and two, fought a duel with a deadly weapon, or sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel with a deadly weapon either within or beyond the boundaries of this State, or knowingly conveyed such challenge or aided or assisted in any manner in fighting such duel; and that I will not fight a duel with a deadly weapon, or send or accept a challenge to fight a duel with a deadly weapon, either within or beyond the boundaries of this State, or knowingly convey such challenge, or aid or assist in any manner in fighting such duel, during my continuance in office. So help me God.

Judge Barley was first elected as judge of the Corporation Court in 1902, succeeding Judge J. K. M. Norton, who resigned the position. In 1906 he was re-elected for a term of six years.

Judge Barley has made a most excellent judge and few members of the State Judiciary have had so few reversals by the Supreme Court of Appeals. During his term of office many new points of law have been raised but in practically all cases Judge Barley's decisions have been sustained. He is deeply interested in his profession and every case that comes before him is carefully studied. One characteristic that has made Judge Barley popular, not only with the members of the bar but with the public generally, is the consideration shown to those who have business in his court.

Engagement Announced.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 17.—Announcement was made today that the engagement is to be announced shortly of Miss Elinor Douglas Wise, of Baltimore, to the Duke de Richelieu, a descendant of one of the oldest families of the French nobility.

Mis Wise recently went to Europe to study for grand opera, after a short course of study in New York, where her voice won the highest praise. She has returned to this country and is expected to arrive in Baltimore today to visit her sister, Mrs. John W. Erick.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Wise, and the late Captain Frederick May Wise, U. S. N. Besides Mrs. Frick she has two other sisters, Mrs. Josiah Macey, of Morristown, N. J., and Miss Julia Wise, who accompanied her abroad.

Another revolutionary outbreak, this time in the state of Tlaxcala, was reported to the State Department from Mexico today.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

A. C. Jones, of Newberry county, S. C., and one of the best known traveling men of the Palmetto State, and one time candidate on the Democratic ticket for Governor of South Carolina, ended his life at Spartanburg Wednesday shortly before noon, by firing a pistol ball into his brain. Death was instantaneous.

President-elect Wilson favors the abolishment of the inaugural ball. This became known yesterday when he sent a letter to William Corcoran Eustis at Washington, chairman of the inaugural committee, asking him to consider the feasibility of omitting it.

To tease her husband, Mrs. Alphonse Victorine concealed herself in a trunk as she heard him enter the house at Amesbury, Mass., last Tuesday. As the cover dropped over her the bolt of the old-fashioned lock slipped into its place and in a few hours the woman was dead from suffocation. After a three days' search by the police the hiding place of the unfortunate wife was revealed.

"Izzy the Painter," head of the New York underworld's "arson trust," came from Sing Sing prison yesterday to confess to putting the torch to 200 houses within the past few months. He unbuttoned himself to District Attorney Whitman and two stenographers.

The British steamer Veronese, with 139 passengers on board was wrecked at an early hour yesterday morning off Leixoes, the outpost of Oporto, Portugal. Eighty-four of the passengers were saved by life lines from shore, but it is reported that sixteen were thrown out of the basket and perished.

A special cable from St. Petersburg to the New York World says: "Count Witte, in an interview at Odessa, casts serious doubt upon the story extensively printed in the United States, to the effect that Theodore Roosevelt, while President, got a letter from the emperor of Japan begging for American intervention to end war with Russia. The count says he believes that the mikado's letter to President Roosevelt was merely in the nature of a regular communication from the Japanese government accepting the principle of mediation."

Offered Worthless Checks.
Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 17.—James McGlure Gould, former West Point cadet and football star, of Albany, and Montclair, N. J., is held here today on a charge of offering worthless checks. Gould is a son of the late Captain Gould of the Albany Zouave Cadet, and was on the verge of the police say, of taking his own life when arrested. This intention seemed plain in a letter he had written to a friend in Newark, N. J. The charge against him is that of passing worthless checks on the Arlington Hotel, Birmingham, drawing it on the National Bank of Scranton, Pa.

AUTO STRIKES PLUG.

Two Men Killed and Machine is Wrecked.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 17.—William H. Walters, and Richard Davie were instantly killed early today, when an automobile in which they were riding struck a water plug. The machine was wrecked. The water plug was snapped off at the ground, and the city firemen were called to take the bodies out of the small lake that formed. Walters was a wealthy manufacturer of St. Louis. Davie whose home was in Cleveland, was secretary to Mrs. Helen Hathaway Britton, chief owner of the St. Louis National Baseball club.

Walters, who was driving the machine, and Davie, were returning home from an evening at the Cardinals baseball club house.

When they struck the water plug, Davie was hurled against a telephone pole and nearly every bone in his body was broken. Walters was thrown out of the car into the middle of the street. A stream of water 17 inches in diameter shot 75 feet into the air from the broken water pipe.

Paris.—A convicted murderer at Chalons was relieved by President Fallieres and was so angry that he assaulted the keeper who brought him the news that he was not to be guillotined after all.

**FLOOD CONDITIONS
IN THE OHIO RIVER**

No Relief in Sight Before
Sunday, According to
Weather Man.

DISEASES ARE RAGING.

Malaria, Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria
Add to Distress of Victims of River's Overflow.

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 17.—Relief from the flood conditions in the lower Ohio river valley, which have thrown hundreds of men and women out of employment and driven hundreds of families from their homes, will not be in sight before Sunday, according to Forecaster Brand today. Steady rains, while apparently not affecting the 46.6 foot stage in the river was expected to keep the water from receding for several days.

Malaria, scarlet fever and diphtheria are prevalent but have not reached the epidemic point. The health authorities are working day and night to prevent an outbreak of disease. Many doctors are making calls in boats.

Albert Brady, of Oakdale, who slept in a bed suspended from the roof was finally driven out of his house today by the high water. Ninety houses in Oakdale are completely submerged.

Telephonic communication south has been seriously damaged by the flood. Rockport, Ind., is entirely cut off from outside communication by rail and wire. In a score of towns mail carriers are making their rounds in skiffs and delivering the post matter through second story windows of homes.

Calhoun, Ky., was still cut off from the world today, but the marooned families there were well provisioned by the relief boat which went to their aid.

No estimate of the property damage was available today. No fatalities were reported.

REPORTERS STRIKE.

Drastic Demands of New Jewish Writer's Union.

New York, Jan. 17.—New York's four Jewish daily newspapers, which have a combined circulation of more than 400,000 copies, were left without a single reporter or copy reader today as a result of a strike ordered by the new Jewish Writer's Union Typographical Union. The life of a reporter would indeed be a dream of No. 4 chartered by the International Brotherhood were he able to work under the rules demanded by the new union.

Among some of the demands which the editors of the papers affected declared today were "too absurd to contemplate" are:

A five hour work day.
A minimum wage of \$25 a week.
Copy to be rejected only after consultation with a walking delegate.

All disputes between editors and writers to be referred to the chairman of the office chapel for settlement and no man to be discharged unless the chairman agrees.

Anyone who can grind out three columns of copy in five hours to be eligible for membership in the union.

STEAMER ON ROCKS.

Passengers and Crew of Italian Steamer in Peril.

Oporto, Portugal, Jan. 17.—Nine persons had been rescued today from the Italian steamer Veronese on the rocks near here, when the increased violence of the storm made it impossible for the rescuers to work further. More than 150 passengers and members of the crew were left on the feared would break up.

When the vessel sent out distress signals, lifesavers attempted to save her in surf boats but the violence of the storm made that impossible. A breeches buoy was then rigged and the men had been taken ashore when the work was interrupted.

Six Lost Lives at Fire.

Edmonton, Alberta, Jan. 17.—Six lives were lost in a fire that swept the business section of this city today. The damage it is estimated at this hour will total \$300,000.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

President Taft left Washington this afternoon on a three days' "culinary jaunt" that will include Philadelphia, New York and New Haven and five banquets.

A coast to coast national highway to cost twenty millions or more is asked for in a bill introduced today by Representative Borland, of Mo. The measure provides a national highway commission of six members and calls the contemplated road "the National Old Trails Road." The road will begin at Washington.

Eighty-seven thousand good dollars jingled in the pockets of the inaugural committee today—and several hundred capital business men who "loaned" the dollars listened dolefully to the chink. President-elect Wilson doesn't want an inaugural ball, and the merchants and others who put up the \$87,000 as a "guaranty fund" to cover expenses of celebrating the new executive's induction into office on March 4—with the positive certainty that an inaugural ball would "clear" even more than the said \$87,000—were stunned with surprise today. Inaugural Chairman Eustace called a meeting of his committee today to consider Governor Wilson's letter to him. In it, the President-elect pointed out that use of the Pension office building, where the inaugural ball had been held for generations, would mean a costly stoppage of government work in that bureau, that such a function wasn't necessary to the enjoyment of the people who came here to see the inauguration, and that he believed it his duty to have the committee "consider the feasibility of omitting the inaugural ball altogether."

Governor Wilson's diplomatic but nevertheless firm stand against the inaugural ball left the committee up in the air today. Suggestion was made today that instead of a ball President and Mrs. Wilson receive at a formal reception, to be held in the rotunda of the Capitol. But contributors to the guaranty fund got scant comfort out of the plan, as they figured no charge on inaugural visitors could be made for a "reception."

The residents of Alexandria have taken to the parcel post system, which was inaugurated by the government on January 1, last, for during the first seven days of its operation, Postmaster Eggborn reports to the department today, his postoffice handled 799 packages. Four hundred and eighty-one of these packages were received at Alexandria from distant points for delivery, while 318 were mailed there for delivery in other parts of the United States.

Some other Virginia cities and the number of packages handled during the first seven days operation of the parcel post system, are as follows:
Richmond 16,072; Winchester 577, Lynchburg, 772, Lexington, 350, Harrisonburg, 2,549, Charlottesville, 1,227, Fredericksburg, 407, Clifton Forge 312.

Mr. E. B. White, of Loudoun, was a caller at the Capitol today to see Representative Carlin.

POINCAIRE ELECTED.

Is Chosen on Third Ballot Amid Confusion.

Paris, Jan. 17.—M. Raymond Poincaré, premier, this afternoon was elected ninth president of the third republic of France to succeed President Armand Fallieres.

Poincaré was chosen on the second ballot, amid scenes of the wildest confusion, after he had challenged to a duel M. George Clemenceau, a former premier, and after a second duel challenge had been sent by Deputy Moize, a Poincaré supporter to former Minister Bencour, an adherent of M. Jules Pams, secretary of agriculture.

Pams proved to be Poincaré's more serious rival, but he was more than 100 votes behind the premier on the first ballot.

Raymond Nicholas Landry Poincaré, was the last prime minister in the administration of President Fallieres, the retiring magistrate. He was considered one of the greatest premiers France ever had.

London.—Hector Mirison, liberal member of Parliament for the South Hackney division has undertaken to present a silver cup to every baby born January 15th the day on which the maternity benefit law went into effect.

**PEACE IS STILL
HANGING FIRE**

Many Speculations, But No
One Seems Able to Fore-
tell Outcome.

POWERS' NOTE READY.

Ambassadors Awaiting Turkey's
Movement—European Nations Will
Not Act Until Porte Shows Hand.

London, Jan. 17.—Diplomats were marking time today, awaiting some word from Constantinople in the dark, but it was confidently expected that peace would very soon be brought about. The silence of Turkey was taken to mean that the Porte was persuaded to give in to the terms of the allies.

So far as was known here the much heralded grand council at Constantinople had not been called, and the ambassadors were awaiting to present the note of the Great Powers, until Turkey made some move.

The German ambassador was authorized by the statement that the Powers were in accord on the Turkish question, the note was ready, and the ambassadors were waiting only to give Turkey a chance to take the initiative.

In the meantime, all of the peace plenipotentiaries remained in London Turks and Balkans delegates alike. They said they were awaiting instruction.

OVER-THANKFUL WOMEN.

Floods Doctor Who Removed Needle
Point From Her Finger With
Letters.

New York, Jan. 17.—Ever since Dr. Henry T. Goodwin, of Stapleton Staten, Island, removed a broken needle point from Miss Mary G. Screamer's forefinger tip four years ago, he has received almost daily letters from the thankful young woman and today he had Miss Screamer summoned to court to show cause why she should not be restrained from pestering the doctor with further correspondence. Miss Screamer is a school teacher. Her letters, Dr. Goodwin said, were neatly written and well expressed but of no interest to him and not solicited. He said he has just returned to her a bushel basket full of unopened missives, but that her passion for this one-sided correspondence had not been checked. He demanded an injunction.

MOTEL WORKERS STRIKE.

Will Attempt to Interest President
In Movement.

New York, Jan. 17.—According to Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, organizer of the Industrial Workers of the World, which is in charge of the Hotel Workers' strike here, says she will attempt to interest President Taft in the worker's side of the conflict. The President will be here tomorrow night to attend the banquet of the Ohio Society and the young labor leader says she will ask for him to use his influence to have the hotel managers reform conditions under which the kitchen help and waiters work.

NOTICE.

The alumnae of St. Mary's Academy will give a Progressive Euchre at the Lyceum Hall on Thursday, January 30th, at 8 o'clock. Tickets are for sale by members of the Alumnae and at Edgar Warfield's drug store.

Rotterdam.—G. Van Der Schuren, editor, who has returned from an overland trip from Cairo to Johannesburg says he discovered a race of giants in German East Africa.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

An automobile belonging to H. Kirk, early last night skidded on the wet in turning King and Columbus Sts., street and the front wheel of the auto was demolished when it collided with the curbing at the corner. The fender was also considerably damaged.

John Davis, 60 years old, a laborer, died yesterday at his home, 1013 Wolfe street. Several children survive him.

The funeral took place this afternoon, and the services were conducted by Rev. Father Kelley.

In the Corporation Court today a final decree was entered in the case of Jonah Bernheimer vs R. H. Cox, sergeant administrator of the estate of the late J. H. Naylor.

There will be a Free sewing machine demonstration today and next Friday at the Griffin Furniture Company's store. R. T. Menifee, an expert, representing the Free Sewing Machine Company, is in charge, and will demonstrate something new in the operation of that popular machine.

J. R. Hopkins, brother of O. B. Hopkins, president of the Griffin Furniture Company, is in Alexandria, on a visit. Mr. Hopkins has recently opened a furniture store in Cumberland, Md., which is being conducted successfully under his management.

In the Corporation Court today a decree was entered allowing an amendment to the report of the commissioner of sale in the case of Fred G. Cowie et al. vs. The Townes-Schofield Company, Inc.

Susie White, colored, aged 28 years, died in Petersburg, Thursday. Her remains will be brought to this city for interment and the funeral will take place Sunday.

Lovers of athletics will see a good game of basketball tomorrow night when the Cardinals and the Fort Myer basketball teams clash at Armory Hall at 8:00 o'clock.

MIKADO'S SECOND PERFORMANCE.

The second performance of the opera "Mikado" which was given at the Opera House last night by the Sharps and Flats drew a larger house than the first night. The opera went very smoothly and the principals and chorus repeated the excellent work of the previous night.

POLK MILLER COMING.

Famous Virginian Will Make His Last Appearance on the Stage.

Polk Miller, whose wit and pathos on the stage has gained him a reputation in every part of the United States will make his last appearance on any stage on January 28th at the Elks Auditorium and under the auspices of Alexandria Lodge of Elks. Mr. Miller retired from the platform last year but owing to the pleading of his friends and admirers to have records made of his inimitable stories he consented to go to New York to have the records made. Enroute to New York he agreed to stop over in Alexandria where he has so many friends. His appearance in his city will therefore be of a great treat and he will no doubt be greeted by a packed house. Tickets will be placed on sale next week.

With Mr. Miller comes his side partner, Col. Parker and the "Old South Quartette," undoubtedly the most unique musical "organization" on the stage. It is composed of four of the homeliest negroes on earth but each man is a natural born artist when it comes to singing the famous old songs of Dixie.

FRATERNAL AMERICANS.

A largely attended meeting of Alexandria Council, No. 5 Fraternal Order of Americans, was held last night and several candidates were initiated. It was decided to hold an open session on February 13th when three prominent members of the order will speak on the aims of the organization.

ANNEXATION OPINION.

A large number of Alexandrians interested in the outcome of the annexation suit which will be decided tomorrow by Judge Bennett T. Gordon, of Nelson county, will go to Alexandria county courthouse to hear the decision rendered. The court will convene at 10 o'clock.

**FATE OF HOME
RULE MEASURE**

House of Lords Will, it is Believed, Reject Bill Passed By House.

BELFAST WILL FIGHT.

Should Peers Fail to Concur, Measure Will Become a Law, Having Been Passed Three Times.

London, Jan. 17.—Ulster men today were basing their hopes on the House of Lords, where the home rule bill now is awaiting the second reading. It was thought to be certain that the Lords would reject the measure, giving the Asquith or third home rule bill the same treatment as that accorded the second measure, which like wise was passed by the Commons.

But the government's big majority, 117 votes by which the home rule bill passed last night, heartened the nationalists who were confident that they could in time ram home rule "down the throats" of the Lords.

But while Irishmen were jubilating, news from Ulster was ominous. From Belfast came word that Ulster was determined to fight before submitting to home rule. It was said that one man was in a dying condition today as the result of last night's anti-home rule demonstration in Belfast. He was shot in the back while thousands of Orangemen gathered around City Hall and burned a copy of the home rule bill.

Though it is a foregone conclusion that the House of Lords will reject the Asquith bill, the Nationalists in the House of Commons are confident that they can force Irish Home Rule by virtue of the so-called veto act that recently became a law.

If the veto act any measure passed three times by the Commons over the rejection of the Lords, automatically becomes a law.

The veto act virtually nullifies the power of the Lords.

Dublin, Jan. 17.—The Irish press today devoted much space to discussing the passage by the House of Commons of the Asquith home rule bill.

AUTOMOBILE BANDITS.

Eighteen-Year Old Youth Makes Confession to Police.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—The story of the series of daring robberies by automobile bandits here in the last two months, became known today, when States Attorney MacLay Hoyne gave out a detailed confession he obtained from James A. Perry, a young man of 18, who was arrested on an omnibus tip received by Captain Patrick Lavin.

Assuming the air of a dime novel hero, Perry admitted a score of robberies and the shooting of Policeman Fred Sticken.

Perry told of how he robbed five stores in 25 minutes and how he and three companions dashed through the business district and passed three and four times a night the automobile squad of policemen. They tooted their horns in derision at the sleuths.

More confessions are expected today. A man who gave the name of Walter Scott is under arrest with Perry and the police say they will get him to admit his guilt in the robberies.

Killed in Accident.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 17.—William H. Walters, president of the Star-Anti Spas hCompany and Russel Davie, formerly of Cleveland, and secretary of the St. Louis Cardinals, were instantly killed in an automobile accident here early today.

Killed in Wreck.

Springfield, Mass., Jan. 17.—With one man dying and fourteen others injured, as a result of yesterday's wreck on the Boston and Albany branch of the Railroad, at Charlton Depot, 42 miles west of here, an investigation to fix the responsibility was started today.

Princeton, N. J.—Twelve students will go to Trenton, N. J., to sing in a choir as strike-breakers.